

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-5. The status of the claims is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising:

a first substrate and a second substrate facing each other and maintaining a predetermined cell gap;

liquid crystals sealed between the first substrate and the second substrate;

a plurality of first-electrode electrodes formed on the first substrate on the side that faces the liquid crystals, wherein the plurality of first electrodes comprise substantially only a plurality of first slits extending substantially parallel with respect to each other in a plurality of pixel region; and

a second electrode formed on the second substrate on the side that faces the liquid crystals; wherein the second electrode comprises substantially only a plurality of second slits intersecting with and extending in a direction substantially at right angles of the first slits in the plurality of pixel regions, as viewed in a direction perpendicular to the substrate surface.

~~first slits formed in the first electrode; and~~

~~second slits formed in the second electrode, intersecting with and extending in a direction nearly at right angles of the first slits as viewed in a direction perpendicular to the substrate surface.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the liquid crystal molecules are aligned nearly perpendicularly to the surface of the substrate when no voltage is applied across the ~~first-electrode~~ electrodes and the second electrode, and are regulated for their azimuths of alignment by the first and second slits when being tilted by the application of a voltage.

3. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein each of the first-electrode electrodes is a pixel electrode formed for each of ~~the a~~ a plurality of pixel regions, and the second electrode is a common electrode formed on the display region including ~~a the~~ the plurality of the pixel regions.

4. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 3, wherein the pixel electrode has a rectangular shape, and the first slits ~~are extending~~ extend in a direction of ~~the a~~ a long side of the pixel electrode.

5. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein ~~a nearly~~ substantially square shape is ~~described by~~ defined in a region where there ~~are overlapped the first and second electrodes defined by~~ is an overlapping of a pair of the

first slits and a pair of second slits as viewed in a direction perpendicular to the surface of the substrate.

6. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, further comprising:

a first polarizer element arranged on the first substrate on the side opposite to the side that faces the liquid crystals; and

a second polarizer element arranged on the second substrate on the side opposite to the side that faces the liquid crystals, and having an axis of absorption nearly at right angles with the axis of absorption of the first polarizer element.

7. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 6, further comprising:

a first 1/4 wavelength plate arranged between the first substrate and the first polarizer element; and

a second 1/4 wavelength plate arranged between the second substrate and the second polarizer element.